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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION DEBT ARREARAGES

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1. AS NOTED IN REFTEL (A) OF JUNE 1976, THE LONG-STANDING
ISSUE OF LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION DEBT POSES A UNIQUE
AND COMPLEX PROBLEM. POST REPLIES TO THE REFTEL, IN PAR-
TICULAR THE STRESS BY MANY POSTS ON THE NEED FOR ADDED
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DOCUMENTATION, REINFORCES OUR APPRECIATION OF THE DIFFI-
CULTIES THAT RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WILL ENTAIL.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THE CONCERN OF MANY POSTS THAT THIS PAR-
TICULAR DEBT ISSUE NOT BECOME AN UNNECESSARY IRRITANT IN
BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS. WE ARE SENSI-
TIVE TO THESE CONCERNS PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT

DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING OUR MILITARY PROGRAMS IN A NUMBER OF
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

3. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE CAREFULLY RE-
VIEWED THE ISSUE AND ARE AGREED THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO
PURSUE RESOLUTION. WE ARE ALSO AGREED THAT BECAUSE OF THE

CONCERN NOTED IN PARA 2, THAT OUR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE
PROBLEM SHOULD BE MADE IN A LOW-KEY FASHION AND AT A
WORKING LEVEL.

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS REVIEWING ITS RECORDS TO
SECURE ADDED DOCUMENTATION OF THE DEBT ATTRIBUTABLE TO
BRAZIL. DEFENSE WILL ALSO DETERMINE THE LEGAL IMPACT ON
THE DEBT OF USG DECISION TO WITHDRAW OFFICERS "IN THE
PUBLIC INTEREST OF THE U.S".

5. YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION ON THIS DIFFICULT ISSUE IS
MUCH APPRECIATED. VANCE

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